

REHEARSAL.

1. The *Observer* goes the Farther in the Deeper, in Treason against the Queen.
2. I have no Personal Prejudice to him, but Love to my Country.
3. Former Rebellions are now Recommended, particularly that of the Barons, who are call'd Noble Patriots.
4. They were the greatest Enemies to England. They gave three Counties to the Scots to help them in their Rebellion. And Chose Lewis of France for their King.
5. The Presbyterian Barons Copy'd after them.
6. The *Observer* Scolds at me, to see if he can make me Scold.
7. He says I hold but One Error in the Church of Rome, because I said that there is One which Supports the Rest.
8. His abominable Insolence in saying, That K. Will. Q. Mary and Q. Anne Join'd with Pope Innocent xi. to Depose their Father.
9. His putting it upon me will not Help him, for he can shew no such Words of Mine. And to say I Meant it, is Ridiculous. That wou'd be an Easy Excuse for any Scandal. So that it is All his own.

SATURDAY, October 23. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* **I**Nstead of Opposing the *Observer*, I profess, Master, I begin to Pity him. I see not how ever he'll get off from that Charge of Treason you have Exhibited against him. He pleads the Charter of King John as Law, and for Coercion, and says, That those Liberties (which he granted to the Barons) were never deny'd but in Times of Tyranny and Usurpation. To this when you had told him they were Deny'd at this day, that they were Treason by the Law now at this Time; And that this Assertion of his wou'd Infer, that this very Time was a Time of Tyranny and Usurpation, Therefore did warn him of the Danger and Caution'd him to Advance no more such Treasonable Positions: But he stands Bluff, and will not Give Back an Inch! Nay, he brings it nearer Home to her Majesty still, and urges her own Example when she was Princess, as a Proof of his Doctrine, and to Justify Coercion over her self now that she is Possess'd of the Crown! For this you gave him due Correction in your last, and have so turn'd the Argument upon him, that I cannot see for my Life which way he can Extricate himself! He is in for Cakes and Ale— Over Shoos over Boots. You have so Wier-drawn him with your Arguments, from one thing to another, that he has Plung'd himself over Head and Ears, and now, The farther in the Deeper— I hope you mean no Prejudice to his Person.

(2.) *Rehearsal.* No, *Country-man.* I wish no Personal Prejudice to him or any body else. My business is only to Battle Principles, and to save the poor People, if I can, from being led like Fools to the Correction of the Stocks; to be Perswaded by such Treasonable Princi-

ples as now flie abroad, to Destroy their own Happiness, and being led into Sedition, to Worry and Devour one another, to Preserve their Liberties and Properties!

(3.) To carry on this Design, the former Rebellions are Muster'd up and Commended. Particularly that of the Barons, who are Represented to the People as Noble Patriots, the Assertors of their Rights, and the Curb of Tyranny! And the Charter they Extorted from King John with their Swords at his Throat, is now call'd the Magna Charta of our Liberties (to Rebell) and which, the *Observer* says, are never Deny'd but in times of Tyranny and Usurpation.

Now to open the Eyes of the People a little, it will not be amiss to give them a Scratch of their Worthy Patriots the Barons, and by what Ways and Means they wrought themselves into that Power to Distress their Kings at the Rate they did, and to obtain such Charters from them.

(4.) Know then, O my Deluded Countrymen, That these Barons, to strengthen themselves, enter'd into a Confederacy with Alexander the Second King of Scots, to whom, in Consideration of the Assistance he was to give them against their own Lawful King, they assign'd the three Counties of Northumberland, Westmorland, and Cumberland. And Mr. Rymer, in his second Letter to the Bishop of Carlisle, tells us, there is Extant an Inventory of Charters made by order of Alexander the III. King of Scots, amongst which are these Three, viz. A Confederacy between the Barons and the King of Scots. 2d. An Assignment of Northumberland, Westmorland, and Cumberland by the Barons to the King of Scots. And the third, a Confirmation of the

the said Grant of the Barons by Lewis Son of the French King, whom they had chose for their King.

Country-m. A Thousand Thanks to you for this Master. Now let me see who dare name the Barons to me, but as a Company of Whiggs and Traitors! O Villains! What! Sell the Nation! Give away whole Counties by their own Authority to the King's Enemies! Nay, give the whole Kingdom to the French King's Son, that is, to France! Are these the Noble Patriots! The Assertors of the Rights and Liberties of the People of England! And must the Charters they For'd from their Kings by these Means, granting Coercion over Themselves, be now put upon us for Law, and as the standing Rule of Government, even to this Queen, that if she will not Confirm these Charters, she must be a Tyrant and an Usurper to the Whiggs! Are these the Loyal Men, and her Best Subjects!

(5.) Rehears. How much was this more than the Presbyterian Barons did, in putting themselves under the Protection of the French King against King Char. I. And their Inviting the King and Queen of Bohemia to Usurp upon their Father and their Brother? Of both of which Noble Plots I have told you before. See Vol. 3. N. 25.

Country-m. They'r all Alike. And the One may very well serve as a Precedent for the Other. The Popish Barons to the Presbyterian Barons! Are they not Asham'd to Quote them?

Put them in a Bag and Shake them,
Your self o'th Sudden wou'd Mistake them.

Rehears. Well Country-man, have you done with the Observer yet? That I may go to something else.

(6.) Country-m. I must Encroach a little more upon you, Master, to say something to his Num. 62. There are Strokes in it very Remarkable. First he Charges you with Billingsgate.

Rehears. That cannot be. For he says Nothing that Angers me. I Play with him, and he Snarles at me. But some that don't Read the Rehearsals may think that I fall in to his Language.

(7.) Country-m. He spends almost two long Columns in Naming several Errors of the Church of Rome, and says you hold but One, that is the Popes Supremacy. Therefore you'r a Papist!

Rehears. I said the Supremacy was that which kept under the Bishops of the Church of Rome from Reforming of their other Errors, of which I Nam'd several. And therefore that the Supremacy was the Chief Point to be Insisted upon, as that which supports all the Rest. I answer'd this before. And it is so Silly, I will say no more to't.

(8.) Country-m. Then, Master, Prepare for a Home Thrust at you! I profess it made all the Blood in my Body come into my Face! He says, That in yours of the 4th last Month, you Spit your Venom on the Ashes of the late King William and Queen Mary, of Glorious Memory, and on the Face of her present Majesty— That they Join'd with Pope Innocent XI. to Depose their Father— And that they will Join

with the Pope or the Devil, to Depose their Kings.

Bless me! Thought I, my Master is gone now! How cou'd he be so Indiscreet to talk at this Rate! And I cou'd not suddenly think that the Observer wou'd have the Impudence to Quote him falsely! Therefore I ran to the Coffee House, and look'd that Rehearsal, where to my great Joy (and Exceeding Wonder at the Malice and Fate of the Observer) I found not one Word of what he had said, you never so much as Nam'd, upon any Account whatever, either Innocent XI. K. W. Q. M. or Q. Anne. And he Redoubles his Thrust, and says, That if such Traiterous Insolence pass Unpunish'd, there are some who Eat her Majesty's Bread, that don't Deserve it. This is beyond Snarling, it is Biting with a Vengeance, Master!

Rehears. No, Country-man, it is but Snapping as Mad-Dogs do. I was Charging Paper with Abetting Treasons, and sometimes even Assisting Sons to Depose their Fathers. And hardly any that Read it cou'd avoid thinking of that Famous Instance of the Emperor Hen. V. who was Instigated by the Pope to Rebel against his Father Hen. IV. and to Depose him. Which he did, having first Procur'd a Decree of the States against his Father, and then he Succeeded him, and Persecuted him all his Life after. But the Observer will have it meant of no body but of K. Will. Q. Mary, and Q. Anne, and that the Pope Innocent XI. (whom I never Nam'd) Set them on work, and Assisted them to Depose their Father! I will not say what is Due to so Bold a Reflection as this— But I'm glad I did not make it.

(9.) Country-m. This Observer minds me of Tutchin his, Predecessor, Who wou'd always be Explaining your Meaning, Master! Whatever Ill thing you Mention'd, he wou'd Swear you Meant K. Will. and the Revolution by it! Nay, tho' you Nam'd Oliver, and Apply'd it to him. No Matter for that— He was sure you Meant Somebody else, and he wou'd Apply it! And by this Means, Run himself into Twenty Treasons! And sometimes you wou'd lay Traps for him, and say beforehand, now for a Wager the Observer Bites at this. And he seldom Miss'd! And he has got one to fill his Room! But that you Mr. present Observer, fall not into this Mistake any More, I will tell you (without a Fee) That he who Applies makes the Scandal. If I say, a Rogue, and you say I Meant such a one, you may be Prosecuted for Scandal. And You only are Answerable. So look to it Hereafter. You have fair Warning.

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